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RE: U.S. Patent Application of Bob McGuire, et al.
Entitled: "Drilling Flange and Independent Screwed Wellhead
with Metal-to-Metal Seal and Method of Use"
Serial No.: 10/656,693
Our Ref: 15912/09032

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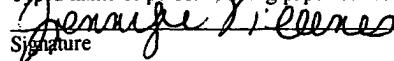
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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Number	10/656,693
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First Named Inventor	Bob McGuire
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	N/A
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	N/A
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	N/A
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	N/A
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	N/A

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
30	-20 or HP = 0	x 50.00	= 0.00	50	25	
				200	100	
				360	180	
Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
8	-3 or HP = 1	x 200.00	= 200.00	N/A	N/A	

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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

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